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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	16-28	YES
	Claims	1-15	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents from the International Search Report:

D1 : US 4,843,671

D2 : US 5,092,140

D3 : US 5,570,596

Novelty(N)

Claims 1-28 conform to the regulations in Article 33 (2) of PCT; therefore, they are considered to be novel.

Inventive Step(IS)

Claims 1-15 do not conform to the regulations in Article 33 (3) of PCT; therefore, they do not possess an inventive step. The reason is as follows.

D1 discloses a dehydrating operation performed by controlling the speed of rotation of the dehydrating tank.

D2 teaches load amount determining means of a washing machine.

D3 discloses an operation panel of a washing machine.

The features contained in Claims 1-9 do not result in methods satisfying the requirement of Article 33 (3) of PCT because said features are derivable from D1.

When combined as would be obvious to a person skilled in the art, D1 and D2 disclose all of the features of Claims 11-13.

It is obvious to a person skilled in the art to combine D1 and D3 to obviously arrive at Claims 14-15.

Industrial Applicability(IA)

Claims 1-28 conform to the regulations in Article 33 (4) of PCT; therefore, they possess industrial applicability.